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TEXT OF THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT TODAY ON THE
BALLISTIC MISSILE BUILD-UP IN CUBA

"The development of ballistic missile sites in Cuba continues at a rapid pace. Through the process of continued surveillance, directed by the President, additional evidence has been acquired which clearly reflects that as of Thursday, October 25, defensive build-ups in these offensive missile sites continued to be made.

"The activity at these sites apparently is directed at achieving a full operational capacity as soon as possible.

"There is evidence that as of yesterday, October 25, considerable construction activity was being engaged in at the intermediate range ballistic missile sites. Bulldozers and cranes were observed as late as Thursday actively clearing new areas within the sites and improving the approach roads to the launch pads.

"Since Tuesday, October 23, missile-related activities have continued at the medium range ballistic missile sites resulting in progressive refinements at these facilities.

"For example, missiles were observed parked in the open on October 23. Surveillance on October 25 revealed that some of these same missiles have now moved from their original parked positions.

"Cabling can be seen running from missile-ready tents to powered generators nearby. In summary, there is no evidence to date indicating that there is any intention to dismantle or discontinue work on these missile sites. On the contrary, the Soviets are rapidly continuing their construction of missile support and launch facilities and serious attempts are under way to camouflage their efforts."

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